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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

SIKKIM AND THE INDIAN REACTION

EMBASSY NEW DELHI REPORTS THAT THE SIKKIM ASSEMBLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION APRIL 10 ABOLISHING THE INSTITUTION OF THE CHOY-GAL AND DECLARING THAT SIKKIM WILL HENCEFORTH BE A "CONSTITUENT UNIT" OF INDIA. ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY:

--FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN, IN AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, SAID THE SIKKIM RESOLUTIONS "ARE BEING STUDIED" BY THE GOI.

--CHAVAN AND MRS. GANDHI HAVE LET IT BE KNOWN IN RECENT LETTERS TO THE ANTAGONISTS IN SIKKIM THAT INDIA LEANS HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF THE ASSEMBLY AND AGAINST THE CHOYGAL.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE GOI IS BEING FORCED INTO ACTIONS IT
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WOULD HAVE PREFERRED NOT TO TAKE, SINCE IT REALLY TRUSTS

NEITHER SIDE IN SIKKIM. THE INDIANS WILL BE WATCHING THE
NEPALESE AND CHINESE REACTIONS CAREFULLY. (CONFIDENTIAL)
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